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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

RASMUSSEN ET AL.

Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 June 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 15-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 15-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SG/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. The indicated allowability of claims 6 and 12 is withdrawn in view of Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (AAPA). Rejections based on AAPA follow.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

3. Claims 15-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (AAPA) in view of Spangenberg et al. (US Patent 6,817,857).

Applicant, at pages 1-5 of the specification and figures 1 and 2 to be known as AAPA, discloses a vibration table for concrete molding machines and a method for making the vibration table wherein the vibration table includes a bed box for a vibrator consisting of side plates, bed plates and flange and a top plate with ribs, consisting of a top plate the upwards facing side of which includes ribs, the vibration table including bolted wearing rails. Although AAPA does not disclose the top plate including reinforcing ribs on its underside and a mounting flange for fastening flange, however it is known to provide such a top plate with reinforcing ribs on its underside and a mounting flange as attested by Spangenberg et al., see figure 4 with reinforcing ribs (50, 52, 54) and mounting flange 44. Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made, to have modified the top plate of AAPA by providing it with reinforcing ribs and a mounting flange, in light of the teachings of

Spangenberg et al., in order to provide a stronger top plate. Regarding the recitation of casting the parts of the vibration table in different combination and fastening some of the parts either by welding, bolting or integrally casting, Applicant should note that it has been held that forming in one piece an article which has formerly been formed in two pieces and put together involves only routine skill in the art. *Howard v. Detroit Stove Works*, 150 U.S. 164 (1893), likewise constructing a formerly integral structure in various elements involves only routine skill in the art. *Nerwin v. Erlichman*, 168 USPQ 177, 179. Furthermore, the examiner submits that it is within the general skill of a worker in the art to select a known fastening process or a known manufacturing process such as machining, casting or extruding on the basis of its suitability taking into account cost and material availability.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 15-26 have been considered but are moot in view of the above rejections. AAPA discloses vibration tables that include wear rails, therefore the indicated allowability of claims 6 and 12 has been withdrawn.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Essama Omgba whose telephone number is (571) 272-4532. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9-6:30, 1st Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Bryant can be reached on (571) 272-4526. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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